



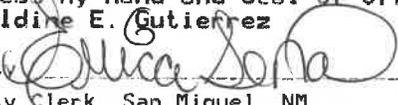
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County of San Miguel
State of New Mexico

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER Rio Grande



WHEREAS, in San Miguel County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas such as the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

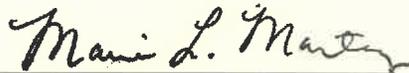
WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that San Miguel County expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

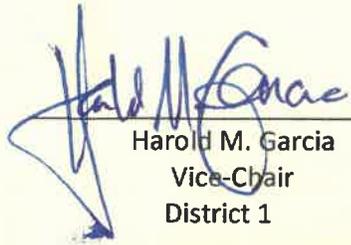
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that San Miguel County expresses support for the Santa Fe National Forest to adopt and establish special management areas in that would provide protection for wildlife corridors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

Passed and Approved on this 9 day of July, 2019, by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico.

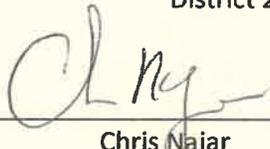


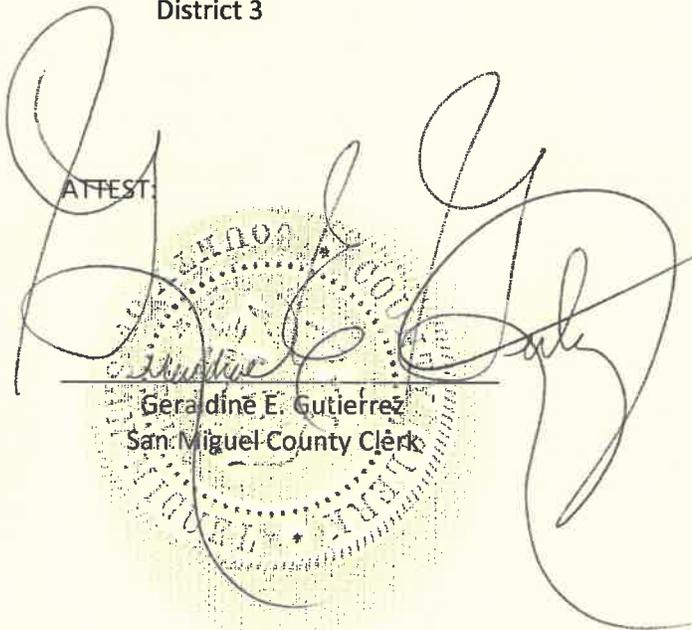
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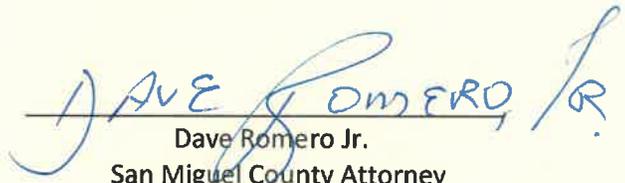

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ATTEST:

Geraldine E. Gutierrez
San Miguel County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Dave Romero Jr.
San Miguel County Attorney

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 92**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN**

WHEREAS, in Santa Fe County our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande Basin and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife has fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs, and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as roads, fences, development, and other human-created and natural barriers, are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resources managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands: and

WHEREAS, the proposed Special Management Area referred to as the Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity: and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protection of wildlife corridors in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that Santa Fe County expresses support for, and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact, the Wild Life Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by

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establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Santa Fe County expresses support for the Santa Fe National Forest to adopt and establish special management areas that would provide protection for wildlife corridors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to express support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 9th DAY OF July, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

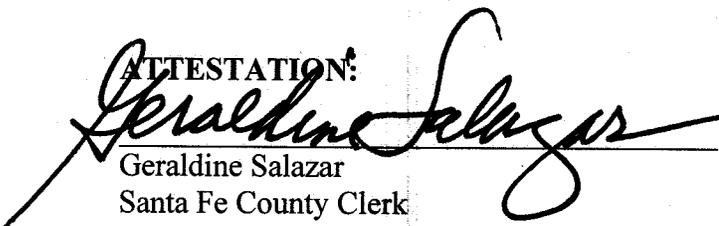


Anna Hamilton, Chair



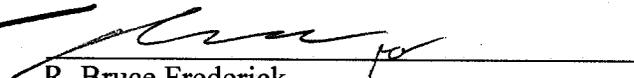
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Santa Fe County Clerk

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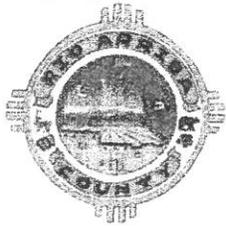
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
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**Rio Arriba
Board of County Commissioners**

Resolution No. 2020-06

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Leo R. Márquez II

**Resolution No. 2020-06
IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS
IN THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN**

WHEREAS, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are both abundant and fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife has fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are making it increasingly more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson, Santa Fe and Rio Grande National Forests have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed San Antonio and Valle Vidal Management Areas in the Carson National Forest promote, protect and prioritize habitat connectivity

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and are an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, native Rio Grande cutthroat trout and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area in the Santa Fe National Forest has profound cultural and historical significance and are critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, Special Interest Areas, such as the proposed Spruce Hole/Osier/Toltec and Chama Basin Watershed Protection Special Interest Areas in the Rio Grande National Forest provide critical habitat for wildlife, including big game, watershed health and are important to the economic livelihood of local communities both in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado;

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

WHEREAS, as a county with a long history of farming and ranching, Rio Arriba County recognizes that a conflict may ensue between farmers and ranchers and the placement of wildlife corridors, depending on the specific geographical locations of working ranches and wildlife corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Arriba County Commission is and always has been an adamant supporter of its farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, the Commission therefore strongly encourages the state and federal agencies tasked with determining the ideal locations for wildlife corridors take into account any potentially negative impacts on farmers and ranchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rio Arriba County Commission expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rio Arriba County Commission expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values, especially farming and ranching, with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

SIGNED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF JULY 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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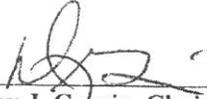
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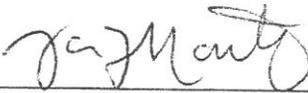
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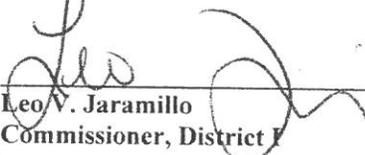
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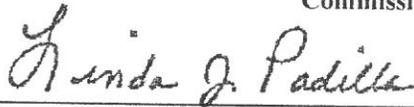
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Leo V. Jaramillo
Commissioner, District I

ATTEST: 

Linda J. Padilla, Rio Arriba County Clerk



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**CITY OF ESPAÑOLA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN**

WHEREAS, in the City of Española, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas such as the proposed San Antonio and Valle Vidal Management Areas in the Carson National Forest, promote, protect, and prioritize habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, native Rio Grande cutthroat trout, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area in the Santa Fe National Forest has profound cultural and historical significance and are critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **the City of Española** expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

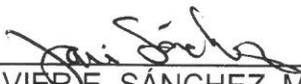
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **the City of Española** expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF August 2019.

CITY OF ESPAÑOLA

BY:



JAVIER E. SANCHEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA VELASQUEZ
CITY CLERK





TAOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39

TAOS COUNTY
ANNA MARTINEZ, CLERK
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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN
THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN**

WHEREAS, in Taos County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

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WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed Valle Vidal Management Area promotes, protect and prioritizes habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Taos County expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Taos County expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 20 day of August 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TAOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Mark Gallegos, Chairman

Candyce O'Donnell
Candyce O'Donnell, Commissioner

Jim K. Fambro
Jim K. Fambro, Commissioner

Tom Blankenhorn
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Gabriel J. Romero
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T. Blankenhorn	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	no	abstain	absent
G. J. Romero	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	no	abstain	absent

Attest:

Anna Martinez
Anna Martinez, Taos County Clerk



Approved as to legal form:

Randy Autio
Randy Autio, Contract County Attorney



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RESOLUTION 19-39

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in the Town of Taos, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

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WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed Valle Vidal Management Area promotes, protects, and prioritizes habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Taos expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

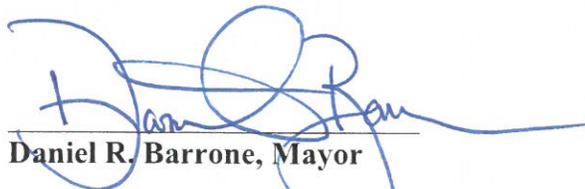
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Taos expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2019, at the Regular Meeting of the Town of Taos Council by the following vote:

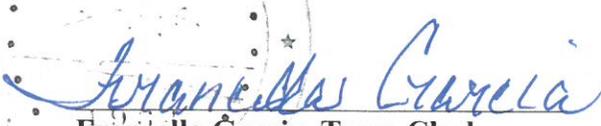
Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Evans	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Darien Fernandez	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember George "Fritz" Hahn	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Pascualito Maestas	<u>Yes</u>

TOWN OF TAOS



Daniel R. Barrone, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM


ATTEST:


Francella Garcia, Town Clerk



Stephen C. Ross, Town Attorney

VILLAGE OF PECOS

RESOLUTION 2019-119

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER
RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in the Village of Pecos, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

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WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; promote accessibility to public lands for the utilization and harvesting of natural resources such as timber, mining, wood products, and encourage recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, backpacking, bird watching, hiking; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas such as the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **the Village of Pecos** expresses

support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Village of Pecos** expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2019.

Attest:



Ramona Quintana, Village Clerk

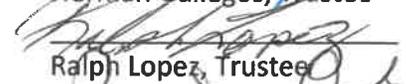




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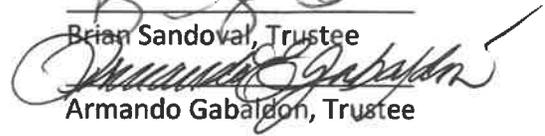
Herman Gallegos, Trustee



Ralph Lopez, Trustee



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Armando Gabaldon, Trustee



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RESOLUTION #2019-28

**SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE
CORRIDORS**

WHEREAS, in Colfax County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric and has been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

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WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed Valle Vidal Management Area promotes, protect and prioritizes habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal, private and tribal natural

resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Colfax County** expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Colfax County** expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

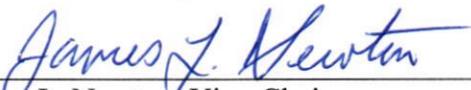
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors.

APPROVED IN OPEN MEETING THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

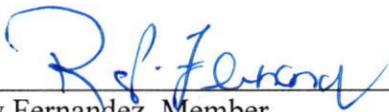
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ATTEST:

Rayetta M. Trujillo
Rayetta M. Trujillo, CLERK OF THE BOARD

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